

Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 02/09/2022, 06:04 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Call to order: 06:04 pm

Attendance: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, Lance Hatch, Colby Heideman, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Uriah Kilgore, Steve Krogsrud, Brady Layman, Deepika Malhotra, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Johnny Saavedra Lopez

1. Previous meeting minutes – Shirmir introduces the January 2022 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Comments were received electronically, and revisions were made accordingly. Dave moves to approve the January 2022 EC minutes as amended. Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Shirmir has the action to upload the final draft of the minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. Approve treasurer’s report – Cristina presents the January 2022 (01 – 30 January 2022) treasurer’s report on behalf of Katherine Koh. Starting balance in savings is \$45,060.81. There are no changes to report. Ending balance is \$45,060.81. Starting balance in checking is \$34,166.70. Expenses are detailed in the attached report. Ending balance in checking is \$33,546.43. Anna moves to accept the February 2022 treasurer’s report. Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Final draft of the February 2022 report is attached to the minutes below.
3. 2021 annual report – The final draft of the 2021 annual report is due to the ACS on 15 February 2022. Cristina, Anna, and Mariefel will be meeting on Friday, 11 February 2022 to resolve any pending actions.
4. DIER grant – The LS was awarded the 2021 Diversity, Equity and Respect Grant for an event to be hosted in 2022. The proposal was written by Sonia (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory), who will be leading the efforts for this event. The event theme is “Química Bajo el Sol/Chemistry Under the Sun.” The event will consist of three activities geared toward K-8 grade students: ice cream in a bag (concept of temperature), tie-dye t-shirts (concept of chemical bonding), and color changing slime (concept of thermochromics). The event will be held at the Pasco and West Pasco branches of the Mid-Columbia Libraries on 11 and 18 June 2022 from 12:00 – 5:00 pm, with an hour before and after for setup and takedown. The libraries have offered their own staff as volunteers. The event will be publicized on the libraries websites as well as on flyers posted throughout the Tri-Cities. The event is formatted to be led by the individual libraries with the LS offering support. Sonia is asking for volunteers to help with this event. Volunteers will need to do a training which will highlight how to conduct the activities along with the library staff. Given the short deadline, it is unlikely that an article for this event will be able to be included upcoming newsletter. Steve will be able to include the event in the calendar in the next newsletter. A more detailed description for the event will be sent in an email to the LS membership and will be included in the spring newsletter. Anna has offered to help Sonia acquire the materials needed for the event.
5. Newsletter – Steve has received the first draft of the winter newsletter. The draft will be sent to the EC this week for review prior to going out the LS membership.

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6. Puerto Rico LS seminar – The Puerto Rico LS (Ingrid Montes, Chair) is hosting a series of webinars in collaboration several Local and International Sections. The first webinar will be hosted on 26 February 2022 at 8:00 am Pacific, discussing the history of ACS. An email with Zoom registration information will soon be sent to the LS membership.
7. Chemistry Olympiad – There are 15 students from the Hanford, Richland, and Moses Lake High Schools who have expressed interest in participating in the Chemistry Olympiad. Padmaja Gunda will follow up with more information.
8. ACS fellow nomination for Dave – Dave’s nomination packet is nearing completion. Ram Devanathan has updated the packet with a rewritten nomination letter on the behalf of the LS.
9. WCC invited speaker – Judy Giordan will be speaking on 03 March 2022 at 4:00 pm Pacific. An email with Zoom registration information will soon be sent to the LS membership.
10. LS science café – The LS meeting and Science Café will be held 25 February 2022 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Pacific. Deepika will be giving a seminar related to carbon dioxide capture. Following the seminar, the membership will vote on the LS budget. The budget will be sent out in the newsletter prior to the Science Café.
11. Budget request – Brady Layman and Lance Hatch – president and vice-president of the Eastern Oregon University (EOU) student chapter chemistry club – are requesting financial support for the club’s attendance to the 2022 ACS Spring Meeting. There will be 13 students attending the meeting. Six technical posters and 1 club poster presented (due to the chapter receiving the Outstanding student chapter award from ACS). The written budget was submitted to the EC. Support is being asked to help cover airfare, registration, and lodging. The proposed 2022 LS budget has allocated \$3,500 (item 14a) to cover travel and registration for ACS student members. Deepika moves to approve \$3000 to the EOU student chapter for travel to the 2022 ACS Spring Meeting. This is in consideration that other student chapters might need support for conference attendance. Sandy moves to approve the full \$3,500, pending approval of the LS budget, given that the LS has received additional allocations from ACS. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Funding will be sent to the EOU student travel pending LS budget approval by the membership.
12. Committee reports
  - a. Women Chemists (Chair: Shirmir) – Updates reported above.
  - b. Government Affairs (Chair: Kristin) – No updates to report.
  - c. Membership (Chair: Sandy) – As of January 2022, there are 3 new student members, 1 reinstated member, 2 new regular members, and 8 member terminations. Sandy suggests hosting a meet-and-greet between for new members with the executive and standing committees. There is discussion about whether to host an in-person or virtual event. ACS has yet to provide guidelines for LS in-person events. August was proposed as a feasible time pending COVID impacts.

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- d. Public Relations (Chair: Steve) – Steve wants to thank the EC for keeping the LS website up to date.
- e. Programs (Chair: Deepika) – Deepika asks to be kept in the loop about any proposed/upcoming events in order to keep the LS calendar up to date.
- f. Environment improvement (Chair: Uriah) – Uriah received feedback for a proposal for the Environmental Improvement committee. Once the proposal has been finalized, he and the committee will submit their full proposal to the EC.
- g. Safety (Chair: Johnny) – Johnny is planning to host a Chemical Safety Day in the fall. Colby recommends hosting a seminar on chemical safety in an undergraduate setting geared toward the student chapters. This would enable a collaboration between the Education and Safety committees.
- h. Awards (Chair: Mariefel) – Updates reported above.
- i. Diversity and Inclusion (Chair: Anna) – Updates reported above.
- j. Education (Chair: Colby) – Updates reported above.

Sandy moves to adjourn the February 2022 executive committee meeting. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Cristina adjourns the February 2022 executive committee meeting at 7:09 pm.



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**ACS Richland Section  
Treasurer's Report**

01/01/2022--01/30/2022

**Activities**

**Starting Balance**

Savings \$45,060.81  
Checking \$34,166.70

**Receipts**

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
Total receipts this period \$0.00				

**Expenses**

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Mariefel Olarte	\$20.27	16d	2022-01-03	Past chair pin; Check # 1367
NEOAHEC	\$600.00	21f	2022-01-13	Girls in Science; Check #1373

Total spent this period \$620.27

**Ending Balance**

Savings \$45,060.81  
Checking \$33,546.43